price shops and/or any other agency/ channel to enable the consumers to get imported sugar?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Food Corporation of India has given deliveries of imported sugar to various State Governments as per their quota allocations for free sale for distribution at fixed prices through controlled channels. Keeping in view certain operational problems intimated by some of the State Governments including Maharashtra they were permitted to distribute the said imported sugar meant for free sale through fair price shops also. In the remaining States including Delhi, free sale imported sugar is being distributed at fixed prices through controlled channels other than fair price shops.

With effect from August, 1985 some quantities of imported sugar are also being allotted to the State Governments against their monthly levy sugar quotas. These stocks are required to be distributed by the State Governments as levy sugar at Rs. 4.40 per kg. through fair price shops.

Corruption in awarding of tenders for Azadpur Subzimandi extension

2927. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works connected with Azadpur Subzimandi Extension were awarded by DDA Chief Engineer (North), without calling tenders;

(b) whether of the total work shown done, only 30 per cent of the work has actually been done;

(c) whether DDA Quality Control Cell had given detailed report bringing out these scandals and over-payments;

(d) whether for many executed works, fake tenders were called afterwards from favourite contractors at exorbitant rates resulting in excess payment of about Rs. 40 lakhs; and

(e) what are the findings of the Quality Control Cell and follow up action taken or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The DDA have informed that some of the works were awarded on work order basis.

(b) The DDA have denied this.

(c) The DDA Quality Control Cell conducted technical audit of work pertaining to the development of additional fruit market at Azadpur and gave a report pointing out irregularities, as noticed.

(d) This is being looked into.

(e) The main irregularities pointed out were splitting of large works and awarding the same on work orders without calling tenders acceptance of single tenders by the Executive Engineer beyond his powers and serious discrepancies in the payment for the earth work. Observation memos have been issued to the officers concerned and the replies received are under examination.

Production of cashew nuts

†2927-A. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of

†Previously unstarred question No. 2390, transferred from the 20th August, 1985

cashew nuts in India during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) how much area in each State was under cashew crop cultivation during the Sixth Plan period;

(c) how much expected to be brought under crop cultivation in each State during the Seventh Plan period;

(d) whether any subsidy is being presently given to bring new areas under cashew crop cultivation; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether Government have growers in Andhra Pradesh, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what other steps are being proposed to be taken to increase production of cashew during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) As cashewnut is not a forecast crop, no State-wise official statistics of production of cashewnuts are available of area and production of cashewnut for the States/UTs for the year 1981-82 are given in the statement attached.

(c) The State-wise traget of area to be brought under cashew cultivation is not fixed at national level.

(d) The details of subsidy provided for cashew cultivation are given below:—

(i) Subsidy at the rate of Rs. 900/- per hectare to the growers and Rs. 500/- per hectare to the State Corporation for planting cashew.

(ii) Subsidy for laying out demonstrations in ryots holding at the rate of Rs. 400/- per plot of 0.4 hectare size.

(e) and (f) An amount of Rs. 54.355 lakhs has been released during Sixth Five Year Plan to Government of Andhra Pradesh under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Package Programme for Development of Cashewnut.

This scheme is continued during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Statement

Area and Production of cashewnut, 1981-82

	Area (ha.)	Production (tonnes)
1. Andhra Pradesh	57,279	20,000
2. Goa . .	44,139	8,500
3. Karnataka .	58,299	18,000
4. Kerala . .	1,47,363	1,18,000
5. Maharashtra .	22,692	10,000
6. Orissa . .	48,601	8,000
7. Pondicherry .	363	200
8. Tamil Nadu .	94,770	10,560
9. Tripura . .	839	60
10. West Bengal .	6,698	2,500
TOTAL :	4,81,043	1,95,760

Thefts of water meters in Moti Bagh

†2927-B. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints relating to the thefts of water meters installed outside the quarters of Government Colony, Moti Bagh, New Delhi have been received by Government; and

(b) if so, how many cases have come to light?

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2680, transferred from the 22nd August, 1985.